Area	Ore Reserves/ resources	Average Grade
Coal		
Talcher-Chendipada(W) & Patrapara blocks.	2633 million tonnes	—
North of Akhrapal & Srirampur	1318 million tonnes	—
Bagarhia-Aunli	Exploration is in	—
Kosala (East)	progress. Reserve not yet estimated	—
Ib-River Tangardih	74 million tonnes	—
East, Budhajhoria	Exploration is in progress. Reserve not yet estimated.	—

Gold Mines in Madhya Pradesh

3896. SHRI SHIV CHARAN SINGH: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether some gold deposits have been found in Madhya Pradesh e.g. Bastar and elsewhere;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have taken necessary steps to excavate and exploit the deposits; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA): (a) and (b) Geological Survey of India (GSI) has not established any gold deposits in Bastar and elsewhere in Madhya Pradesh. However, two small deposits of low grade have been established by the GSI in Madhya Pradesh as indicated below:—

(1) Pandripani area, Raigarh district a reserve of 0.25 MT of gold ore with an average grade of 0.6 G/T gold has also been established.

(2) Gurharpahar west block, Sidhi district a reserve of 2.1 MT of gold ore with average grade of 1.28 G/T gold has also been established.

(c) and (d) Any exploration/exploitation agency is free to exploit the mineral reserves after getting prospecting licence/mining lease in accordance with the provisions of Mines & Minerals (Regulation and Development) Act, 1957 and the rules made there-under and in the light of the New National Mineral Policy 1993 announced by the Government of India.

Discovery of diamond deposits by GSI in Madhya Pradesh

3897. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Geological Survey of India has recently discovered diamond deposits in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the export potential of the diamonds?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA): (a) Geological Survey of India (GSI) has not discovered any diamond deposits in Madhya Pradesh recently. However, GSI has in the past located a number of kimberlite bodies, a known source rock for diamond in Raipur and Bastar districts.

(b) The details are as under:—

(i) Panna diamond belt, Panna, Chattarpur, Damoh and Sagar district.

(ii) Pairi-Khariar-Singora areas in Raipur district.

(iii) Indravati-Sabri area in Baster district.

(iv) Kimberlittic Ultramafic and Bariarpur, Panna districts and Bandha in Chattarpur district very few of the kimberlite bodies indentified so far are diamond bearing.

(c) The exploration is at a very preliminary stage and hence it is not possible to make any guess about production of diamond and its export potential.

Closure of Copper Mines

3898. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether some copper mines in the country are facing closure;

(b) if so, the names, number and location of those mines; and

(c) the reasons which led to the closure of those mines alongwith the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND *MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA* PRASAD BAISHYA): (a) to (c) Hindustan Copper Limited has copper mines at Mosaboni, Pathargora, Surda, Kendadih and Rakha in Bihar, Khetri, Kolihan and Chandmari in Rajasthan and Malanjkhand in Madhya Pradesh. The mining operations at Mosaboni mines located in Ghatshila district of Bihar have become highly uneconomical and as Hindustan Copper Limited is incurring heavy losses in operating these mines, the Board of Directors of Hindustan Copper Limited has in principle approved the proposal for closure of Mosaboni mines and the Company has sought permission from the Government for closure under section 25(o) of the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947. The Company has been asked to work out a scheme for rehabilitation/relocation of the workers who would be affected in the event of the closure of the Mosaboni mines.

मध्य प्रदेश में उत्कृष्ट धातुओं का भू-भौतिकीय सर्वेक्षण

3899. **श्री दिलीप सिंह जूदेव:** क्या खान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या मध्य प्रदेश में उत्कृष्ट धातुओं का पता लगाने के लिए भू-भौतिकीय हवाई सर्वेक्षण कराए जाने की आवश्यकता है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) क्या किसी विदेशी कंपनी ने इस सर्वेक्षण हेतु निजी क्षेत्र/भारतीय कंपनियों के साथ सहयोग करने के लिए आवेदन किया है;

(घ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ङ) क्या मध्य प्रदेश सरकार ने हवाई सर्वेक्षण सहित आधुनिक तकनीकों की सहायता से इन धातुओं के स्थान का पता लगाने हेतु कोई प्रस्ताव भेजा है;

(च) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(छ) इस संबंध में केन्द्र सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है?

इस्पात मंत्री तथा खान मंत्री (श्री बीरेन्द्र प्रसाद बैश्य): (क) जी, हाँ।

(ख) मध्य प्रदेश में हीरे और स्वर्ण भण्डार की संभावनाएं हैं।

(ग) और (घ) मैसर्स डि बीयर्स ऑफ आस्ट्रेलिया ने मध्य प्रदेश, उड़ीसा और राजस्थान में भारतीय भूवैज्ञानिक सर्वेक्षण के साथ सहयोग का प्रस्ताव किया है।

(ङ) जी, हाँ।

(च) मध्य प्रदेश की राज्य सरकार ने तीन प्रस्ताव प्रस्तुत किए। ये प्रस्ताव भारत सरकार द्वारा हाल ही में जारी किए गए दिशा-निर्देशों के परिप्रेक्ष्य में पुन: जांच के लिए राज्य सरकार को लौटा दिए गए। बाद में राज्य सरकार ने यह सूचित किया कि ये प्रस्ताव रद्द समझे जाएं।

(छ) उपरोक्त प्रश्न के भाग (च) के उत्तर के कारण प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

New Gold Mines in the Country

3900. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM:

SHRI MUKESH R. PATEL:

SHRI RAJNATH SINGH SURYA:

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have found any gold mine in Lalitpur district of Uttar Pradesh:

(b) if so, whether Government have received any report to explore the possibilities; and

(c) number of gold mines in the country and the details of possibilities to explore the new gold mines in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA): (a) and (b) No gold mine in the Lilitpur district of Uttar Pradesh has been